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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An apparatus for growing at least one plant variety, and making the at least one plant variety accessible to animals for grazing, comprising:
 - a container having means suitable for growing the at least one plant variety; and
 - a cover for enclosing the container, the cover having a plurality of openings dimensioned for passage of the at least one plant variety through the plurality of openings while preventing limbs from the animals from passing through the plurality of openings.
2. (original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the container has a bottom wall and four side walls and wherein the cover extends downwardly alongside the four side walls.
3. (original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the cover is made of material suitable for supporting weight applied on the cover by a cat.
4. (original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the cover has at least one opening of the plurality of openings dimensioned to allow a person to extend a finger through the at least one opening to determine moisture content.
5. (original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the at least one plant variety is grown from at least one grass seed, the at least one grass seed selected from the group consisting of: oats, rye, and a member of a grass seed family.
6. (original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the cover has an attachment means for connecting the cover to the container.

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7. (original) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the cover has an attachment means for connecting the cover to the container.
8. (original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the apparatus further includes means for locking the cover to the container.
9. (original) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the apparatus further includes means for locking the cover to the container.
10. (currently amended) A cover for use with a container having suitable means for growing the at least one plant variety accessible to animals for grazing, the cover dimensioned for suitable use with the container, the cover having a plurality of openings being dimensioned to form a passageway for the at least one plant variety growing through the plurality of openings while the cover preventing a limb from an animal from entering through any one of the plurality of openings.
11. (original) The cover as in claim 10, wherein the cover has at least one large opening dimensioned to allow a person to extend their finger through the at least one large opening to determine moisture content.
12. (original) The cover as in claim 10, wherein the cover is made of material suitable for supporting weight applied on the cover by a cat.
13. (original) A kit comprising:
a container having means suitable for growing at least one plant variety; and
a cover for enclosing the container, the cover having a plurality of openings dimensioned for passage of the at least one plant variety through the plurality of openings while preventing limbs from animals from passing through the plurality of openings.

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14. (original) The kit as in claim 13, wherein the container has a bottom wall and four side walls and wherein the cover extends downwardly alongside the four side walls.

15. (original) The kit as in claim 13, wherein the cover is made of material suitable for supporting weight applied on the cover by a cat.

16. (original) The kit as in claim 13, wherein the cover has at least one opening of the plurality of openings dimensioned to allow a person to extend a finger through the at least one opening to determine moisture content.

17. (original) The kit as in claim 13, wherein the at least one plant variety is grown from at least one grass seed, the at least one grass seed selected from the group consisting of: oats, rye, and a member of a grass seed family.

18. (original) The kit as in claim 13, wherein the cover has an attachment means for connecting the cover to the container.

19. (new) The cover as in claim 10, wherein the cover further includes a frame having four side walls which are dimensioned to mate with four corresponding side walls of the container.

20. (new) The cover as in claim 11, wherein the cover further includes a frame having four side walls which are dimensioned to mate with four corresponding side walls of the container.

21. (new) The cover as in claim 12, wherein the cover further includes a frame having four side walls which are dimensioned to mate with four corresponding side walls of the container.

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22. The cover as in claim 10 wherein the cover further includes attachment means for connecting the cover to the container.

23. (new) The cover as in claim 10 wherein the cover further includes means for locking the cover to the container.